

BORDER PROTECTION, ANTITERRORISM, AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION CONTROL ACT OF 2005

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing for further consideration of the bill, H.R. 4437, Border Protection, Antiterrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005. The rule provides that no further general debate is in order, and the remaining proceedings under House Resolution 610 shall be considered as subsumed by this resolution. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying this resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report accompanying this resolution may be offered only in the order printed in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the questions in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of December 16, 2005, or December 17, 2005.

OVERSIGHT—VETERANS AFFAIRS FLU VACCINATION/PANDEMIC PREPARATION

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee Oversight and Investigations held an oversight hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs' flu vaccination program, and preparations for a possible Avian Flu Pandemic. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Lawrence Deyton, M.D., Chief Consultant, Public Health Strategic Health Care Group; and Robert Muder, M.D., Staff Physician, Veterans Affairs Pittsburgh Health Care System; and Denise Cardo, M.D.,

Director, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES/HOTSPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

RADICAL ISLAM IN THE UNITED STATES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy met in executive session to hold a hearing entitled "Radical Islam in the United States." Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1281, to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for science, aeronautics, exploration, exploration capabilities, and the Inspector General, and for other purposes, for fiscal years 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to receive a closed briefing regarding future naval force structure requirements, 10:30 a.m., SR-222.

House

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity, executive, briefing on announced changes to the prohibited items list that would allow airline passengers to board an aircraft with scissors, pliers and wrenches, 11:30 a.m., HC-9 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Management, Integration, and Oversight, hearing entitled "Mismanagement of the Border Surveillance System and Lessons for the New Secure Border Initiative," 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.